REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

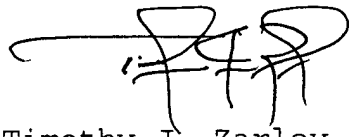
The Examiner has rejected claims 1-6 on the judicial doctrine of non-statutory double patenting over claims 1-16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,669,545. In response, attached is a terminal disclaimer disclaiming the '545 patent as requested by the Examiner. Consequently, the double patenting rejection should be withdrawn and the claims are now considered in allowable form.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant believes claims 1-6 are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests allowance of such claims. If any issues remain that may be expeditiously addressed in a telephone interview, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 515/558-0200.

The fee of $55.00 for the filing fee for a statutory disclaimer is enclosed herein; however, charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2098.

Respectfully submitted,



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